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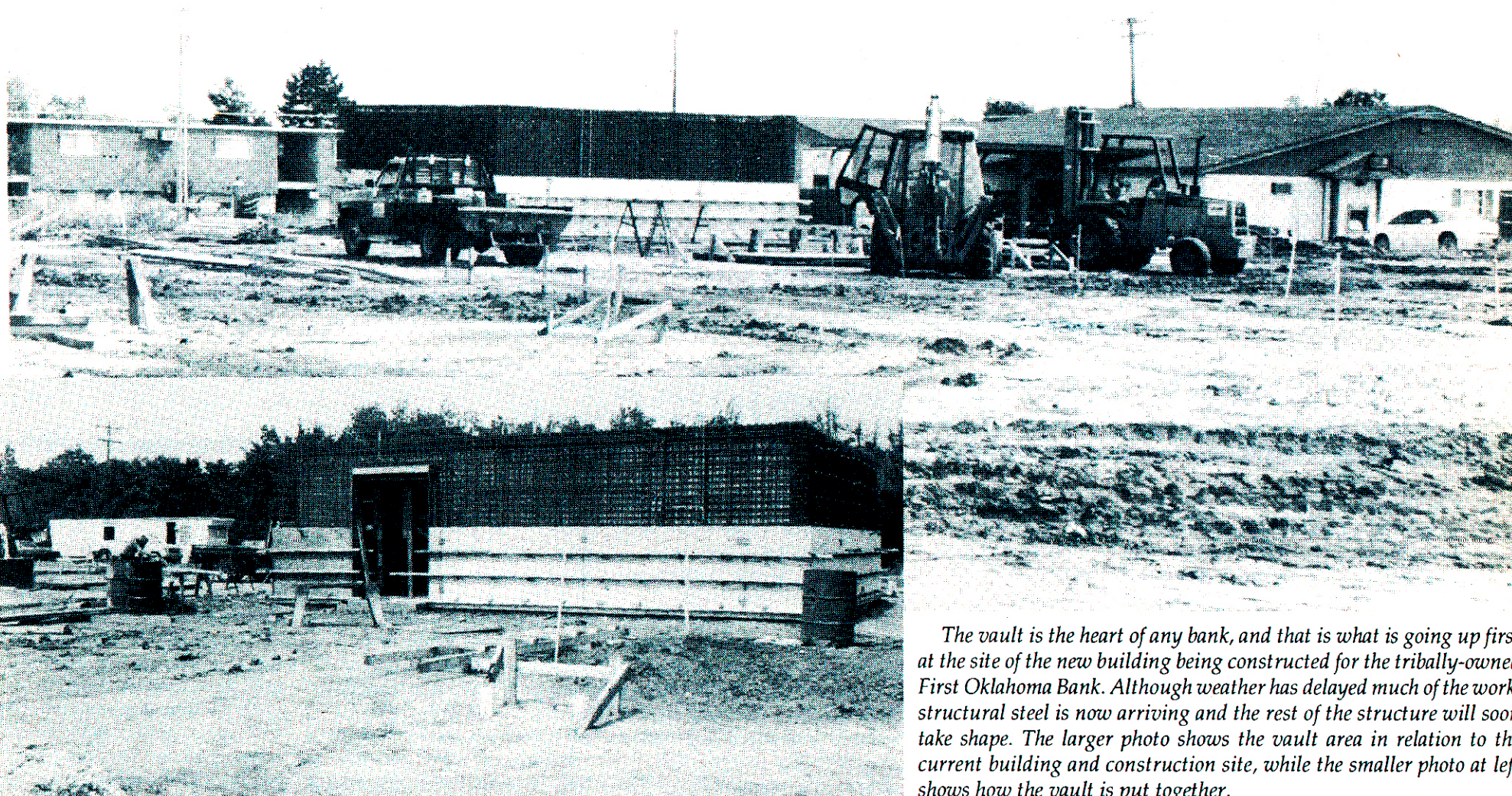


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Building a bank ...



The vault is the heart of any bank, and that is what is going up first at the site of the new building being constructed for the tribally-owned First Oklahoma Bank. Although weather has delayed much of the work, structural steel is now arriving and the rest of the structure will soon take shape. The larger photo shows the vault area in relation to the current building and construction site, while the smaller photo at left shows how the vault is put together.

Neither age nor bus fare will keep this student home from school

By Gloria Trotter

Call it a transportation scholarship, or a never-too-old scholarship or simply an I-like-your-style scholarship. Whatever you call it, Kate Clinton calls it pretty neat.

Kate is a 76-year-old tribal member who is going back to school to learn more about her heritage. Not leaving a stone unturned, she applied for and received a \$125 tribal scholarship to pay for her

tuition and books at Washburn University in Topeka, Kansas, where she is currently exploring Native American Literature.

But she soon found out that \$125 wasn't going to be enough to get her back and forth to class. So she wrote the tribe again, asking for bus fare. The Business Committee members were so impressed with her spirit and energy that they personally chipped in a few dollars each as sort of a special scholarship.

So now Kate can afford to ride the bus the eight blocks

from her home to the campus, where her class is now studying the work of a Guatemala woman who wrote about how several of her family members were murdered and others starved during hard times there. "When she was 34, she became the head of her tribe," Kate said in a telephone interview. "Everything she's done is for her people."

But while she's learning, Kate is doing a little bit of teaching too. She's the only Native American in the class of 20, and already they are

asking her questions about the Potawatomi. "We've already found that a lot of beliefs (of the Guatemala natives and the Potawatomi) are similar," she said, "and this is just our first book — we have seven books to go."

Kate is also a few years older than most of her classmates, but that's not stopping her from working toward completing her degree in English and anthropology. She lacks about 15 hours. She's not likely to be deterred, either. This is a woman who left a

war industry job in the 40s to become the first Native American woman to join the Marines in the Los Angeles area. After the war, she worked for the BIA in Kansas, North Dakota and New Mexico.

These days, she's concentrating on school and on her family, daughter Mary Ellen Clinton and grandsons Andrew, 10, and Jeremy, 16. She may even help them with their homework.

TRIBAL TRACTS

Tribal member honored by Mobil

Tribal member Michelle Isaacs was recently named Employee of the Month at Shawnee's Mobil plant.

An article in the company newsletter stated: "She has been employed with Mobil for six years and has served in Slitting and Orientation. She was promoted to Senior Operator on C-Shift in July 1992. Serving this post, she has demonstrated the ability not only to adapt to change, but also to help her peers adapt as well.

"Michelle's mechanical aptitude and troubleshooting skills allow her to diagnose problems before they become a quality issue. She makes sound decisions based on facts, and when in doubt she will ask for assistance. Michelle ensures that quality issues are resolved before they leave the department. She is comfortable in dealing with support groups such as mechanical and electrical.

"She has great interaction with other departments in the plant. Her opinions on operability or quality issues are analytical, honest and to the point. Her

knowledge concerning our operation is recognized not only by her supervisor and co-workers, but by engineers. She demonstrates leadership qualities and is very safety-minded, taking the time to follow established safety procedures.

"Her support and help in the ISO audit and revisions helped the department and the plant achieve certification. She has an excellent attendance record and her positive attitude enhances the overall morale of the shift. She is very deserving of Employee of the Month honors."

Michelle is the daughter of Charlotte Shelley, the granddaughter of Charlotte Alderson, and the great-granddaughter of John B. Rhodd and Adeline Thorpe.

CASA program needs your help

Child abuse is an epidemic, and our tribal children are not immune. The terrible details of one shocking case after another come to light, and those who care about children ask themselves if

there is anything that can be done to help these innocent little victims. There is something that can be done. Judge Lujan of the Potawatomi tribal court, tribal Chaplain Norman Kiker, and other concerned persons have established Cedar Lodge Tribal Court CASA Program, which is now operating in the Citizen Band Potawatomi, Absentee Shawnee, and Kickapoo tribal courts.

CASA is a non-profit organization staffed by trained volunteers who serve as court appointed special advocates, appointed by the judges in tribal courts to serve as advocates for children caught up in court cases. Most of the children are neglected and/or abused, some are involved in custody cases, some are in foster care, all of them need someone to care, someone who will advocate for their best interests before the court.

If you would like to make a difference in a child's life, contact Edie Head, CASA Director, 1901 S. Gordon Cooper Drive, 275-3121 ext. 274. Learn how you can Speak Up For A Child.



I'm Indian, Too!

Six-year-old tribal member Amanda Lally is shown here on a recent visit to the Wisconsin Dells Stand Rock Indian Ceremonial. Her father, Thomas Lally of Chicago, said Amanda was "so delighted to find out she was part Indian and to have the great opportunity to have her picture taken with the tribe's fancy dancer."

DONATIONS TO THE HOWNIKAN

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In your opinion...

Dear How Ni Kan,

My name is Ron Bowman, and I am a tribal member, and I have recently retired from the United States Navy as a Lieutenant Commander after 21 years of commissioned service, and am now working for the Bureau of Indian Affairs, Central Office in Washington D.C.

My capacity within the Personnel Management Services Division of BIA is overseeing the implementation of automated

personnel systems. As such, I come in contact with various initiatives to improve employment opportunities for Native Americans. I thought it might be beneficial to you, and the Tribal Administrative office, if I passed this information on as it came up.

One program that would be of great benefit to anyone who is, or has a family member in the military is TAMPS (Transition Assistance for Military Personnel Service). This program puts

personnel getting out of the service in touch with employers with positions to fill, and employers can "search" for personnel transitioning with specific skills they are looking for. More details can be obtained through the military person's Transition Assistance Office. There is also an electronic bulletin board for vacancy announcements in the Department of Interior. The modem dial-up number is 1-800-368-3321.

I also thought I would enclose the accompanying article from our local Annapolis paper. I thought you or your readers might find it interesting what another tribal member has been up to. As for my background; I was born and raised in and around Farmington, New Mexico by my parents Barbara and Kenneth Bowman. I graduated from Farmington High School in 1968 where I lettered in Track and Wrestling; and was State Champion in my senior year. After a year of enlisted service in the Navy, I received an appointment the United States Naval Academy. I graduated in 1973 and spent the next 21 years on board ships homeported in such places as Hawaii, Japan, and Florida. I participated in the evacuation of Saigon in 1975 and

most recently in the Persian Gulf. I had a tour at the Naval Academy in the Admissions Department so if any of the young people are thinking of going to a service academy, I would be glad to talk to them. While there, I earned my Masters degree in Information Systems Management from the University of Maryland. My last tour was at the Bureau of Naval Personnel at the Pentagon. I've been working here in the BIA Personnel Division since I retired in July and enjoy it very much. I have two children, Kristen-17, and Ronald

Lee-15 (also tribal members); and my wife, Lynn Hopkins, is also a Federal Employee working for the Dept of Defense. In addition to running, I am also a competitive triathlete (swim, bike, run).

This all may be more information than you are interested in but I have been intending to write for some time and thought this venue could possibly be of some assistance to someone. If I can be of any assistance, my office phone is: (202) 208-2695.

Sincerely,

Ronald E. Bowman
Annapolis, Maryland

Rhodd family says thanks to tribe

To The Editor:

The Rhodd family wishes to thank the Citizen Band Potawatomi and the administration of the same for their help and assistance with the first annual Rhodd family reunion. Also to be thanked are those responsible for the Citizen Band Potawatomi Elderly Complex. The facility was a godsend as the heat and humidity at the pow wow grounds were unbearable during the 21st-22nd of August. The reunion would have been very short-lived if we would not have been able to be indoors, as many of the family members gathered were our older relatives.

In addition, we wish to especially thank Bob Davis for his assistance and cooperation in this endeavor and tribal chaplain Rev. Norman Kiker for his contribution.

The Rhodd family will hold another reunion in June of 1994. A firm date has not been set yet, but when it is decided upon, it will be announced in the HowNiKan.

Again, thanks to the tribe and individuals for their help as the reunion was a success and we are hoping for many more to come. Megwetch.

Sincerely,

Ben K. Rhodd Sr.
Hill City, SD

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Tribal vice chairman elected to state post

Its membership is comprised mostly of vocational educators who work with business and industry on a continuous basis. Capps completed initial training for carrying out the responsibilities and duties of this office during the week-long vocational education conference held recently in Tulsa.

Lowden opts for surgery to repair damaged knee

His mother said the operation was performed Sept. 16 at McBride Bone and Joint Hospital in Oklahoma City to repair damage to an inner ligament and cartilage. "He had a couple of dozen staples," she said. Junior went back to school the following Monday and will undergo physical therapy the rest of the year, although he won't have to wear a cast.

Because of his medical problems, Junior is in effect redshirted this year. Since he was redshirted his freshman year, he will have two more years of football eligibility. His mother said he decided to go ahead with the surgery so he would have the longest time possible to prepare for next year.

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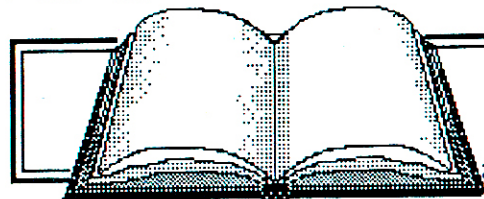
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For the record...

Special Business Committee Meeting July 22, 1993

Present: Chairman John A. Barrett, Jr., Vice-Chairman Linda Capps, Secretary-Treasurer Bob Davis, Committeeman Hilton Melot, Tribal Facilities Director Bob Dunning, Architect Don Price, Absent Jerry Motley.

Chairman Barrett called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Linda Capps moved to approve the minutes of the July 1, 1993 Business Committee meeting minutes; Bob David seconded. Passed 4 in favor, 1 absent.

Two Resolutions were tabled until the next meeting.

Architect Don Price opened the bank bid and the following were awarded the contracts:

Plaster Work-L.B. Moss

Electrical-Shawnee Lighting

Roofing-C&L Roofing

Cement-B&B Contractors

Elevators-Dover Elevator, consultation with Don Price

Mechanical, Plumbing, HVAC-Hardesty

Dry Wall, Metal Studs, insulation of ceiling-Bob Grace

Sprinkler System-Grinnell

Construction-HK&S

Reinforced Steel-HK&S

Glass-Miller Glass Company

Steel Erection-CBT Contractors

Brick-Yates Construction

Carpet, Paint, Mill Work to be let at a future date.

Hilton Melot moved to adjourn Business Committee meeting; Bob David seconded. Passed 4 in favor 1 absent. Meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.



A Potawatomi welcome to these new members

Those enrolled under previous guidelines:

Morita Rae Lawson
Marilyn Jean Smith Chavez
Doneta Karlene Shirley Douglas
Deborah Ann Matthews Rios
Kenneth R. Kirkland

Jonell Foutz
Jesse Phil Foutz
Aaron Jude Foutz
Davina Caprice Morgan

Those enrolled under the descendency enrollment:

Sara Michelle Klein
Katie Denise Ellis
John Allen Goyer
Alex Tracy
Kelly Kay Card
Samuel Conner O'Neal
Mecolle Lynn Conroy
Michelle Lee Hiatt
Floyd Leon Hiatt, Jr.
Gwen Yvonne David
Brianna Rane Ketcher
Samuel Patrick Scott
Randy King Jones II
Jennifer Leigh Jones
Dwayne Authur Pate
Dean Andrew Pate
Ashley Nicole Wano
David Ryan Duggan
Rafael Juvencio Malcolm Savala
Kacey Ray Hanson
Tomi Jo Hanson
Vivian Thanne Quirk
Steven Joseph Melot
Darryl Wayne Melot
Kathleen Denise Kelley
Stephanie Lynn Jarvis
Christopher Dale Martin
Geneva Aline Benton
Natalie May Benton
James Michael Jenks
Nicole Lee Jenks
Carl Eli Jenks
Danielle Marie Jenks
Thomas Patrick Gulihur
Amy Suzanne Ingle
Melissa Beth Ingle
Jennifer Michelle Ingle
Stephanie Lianna Talley
Lauren Elizabeth Bickford
Matthew Stephen Frank
Brian Andrew Frank
Aaron Robert Frank
Daniel Wheaton Frank
Mikal Carla Young
Spencer Morgan Rutherford
Stephanie Diane Kime
Amy Beth Kime
Andrew Joseph Kime
Shelby Carolyn Knox
Zachary Ryan Nelms

Hannah Rosemary Jones
Paul Dean Anderson, Jr.
Wendy Lynn Herren Klingsporn
Tanya Lynn Klingsporn
Charla Kay Klingsporn
Leanna Wolfe
Jeseca Ruby Wolfe
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Ashley Rachelle Morgan
Gina Marie Morgan Rody
Daryn Todd Rody
Preston Blake Rody
Corey Allen Remer
Joshua Robert Perrill
Matthew Cain Perrill
Melissa Ellen Perrill
Meghann Maire Butler
Kirkley Otis Butler
Craig Allen Shultz
Kimberly Sue Shultz
Don Ellis Hansen
Jamie Lyn Dodge
Lisa Rene' Brady Krag
Gary Trigg Shirley
Bryan Mychal Burrows
James Lee Brown, Jr.
George Estell Brown
Chelsee Denise Brown
Kimberly Kay Kinslow Clagg
Jeremy Ray Kriner
Danielle Renee Kriner
Courtney Micheal Duggan
Taylor Renee' O'Bannon
Amanda Lee Jewett
Adrian Kemohah Sanders
Noah Justin Sanders
Montana Dawn Barnes
Jamie Nicole Matthews
James Daniel Hollingsworth II
Liberty June Robinson
Samuel James McCollum
Lindsey Anita McCollum
Ross James McCollum
James Ernest Rios III
Melissa Sabrena Rios
Manuel Anthony Rios
Lyna Gale Yott
Pennie Joe Peddicord Green
Jeremy Ray Garver
Trae Suzanne Carlisle
Tiffany Renee' Watkins
Wesley Luke Watkins
Kaitlyn Marie Klaproth
Jessica Niccole Orr
Jordan Michael Orr
Colbe Shawnee Williams
Jennifer Denise McVicar
Mark Nevan McVicar, Jr.
Ethan William Kreutzer
Elise Marina Kreutzer
Joseph Phillip Bourassa Kinder
William Quinn Skye Kinder

Patrick Michael Kelley
Diana Lee Brown Thompson
Charles Ralph Dorsey, Jr.
Kayla Ann Robinson
Michael Anthony Huke
Johnathan Douglas Huke
Ashley Shea Owens
Billy James (B.J.) Owens
Frank Edward Bourbonnais III
Kristina Liberty Bourbonnais
Joshua James Bourbonnais
Sally Ellen Bourbonnais
Robert Curtis Brown
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Heather Ann Reynolds
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Kelsey LeeAnn Taylor
Stacy Dawn Sander Gose
Meghan Elizabeth Gose
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James Ray White
Dalton Zane Smith
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Marshall Philip Cohen
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FCC interested in American Indians for senior management positions

The Federal Communication Commission (FCC) is interested in recruiting American Indian for at least 18 senior management and supervisory position at the GM 14/15 level with a salary range of \$56,627 to \$86,589 according to HGL Associated, a firm in Arlington, Virginia handling recruitment for the new positions.

According to HGL Senior analyst Cecelia A. Evans, the FCC management positions include attorneys, accountants, economist, and public utilities specialists. Evans say the federal agency will be hiring additional personnel, although the details are not known yet. Evans' associate Jack Moore told Indian News that the FCC was actively seeking American Indians for any of the positions. He was provided a list of American Indian-owned newspapers around the country in which he could place advertisements about the positions.

The FCC is aggressively staffing the newly formed Cable Service Division which will direct the future of the Commission's new regulatory program for cable television. "These management positions will create unprecedented change in the cable industry". Unique opportunities exist for talented individuals with experience in the telecommunication industry and/or rate regulations.

Applicant must submit a narrative relating to the following quality ranking factors: (1) Knowledge of the telecommunications industry and issues; (2) Ability to prepare, review and edit written reports and documents; (3) Ability to supervise a multidisciplinary staff and professional, technical and clerical employees; (4) Ability to meet and deal with individuals at various levels of responsibility inside and outside the FCC; and (5) Ability to analyze issues, weigh implications, identify potential problems and develop solutions.

To apply, submit your resume (indicate veterans preference is applicable) and/or SF-171, narrative, and the names and phone numbers of two professional references to: Federal Communications Commission, Dept. D, P.O. Box 33909, Washington, D.C. 20033-0909. Application must be postmarked by September 10, 1993.

Walking On ...

ARA MAE O'CONNOR CURTIS

Ara Mae O'Connor Curtis, 72, Shawnee, Oklahoma, died Thursday, Aug. 19, 1993, at her home.

Mass of the Christian Burial was held at St. Benedict's Catholic Church, with Fr. Michael Roethler, O.S.B. as the celebrant. Burial was in Calvary Cemetery under the direction of Roesch Funeral Chapel. A vigil was held at Roesch Funeral Chapel.

A tribal member, Mrs. Curtis was born May 5, 1921, in Shawnee to Andy and Mabel O'Bright. On Aug. 21, 1939, she married Patrick O'Connor, who previously died.

On Aug. 4, 1988, she married Miley Curtis. She was a homemaker and did extensive volunteer work, she was a member of the St. Benedict's Catholic Church Altar Society, Senior Citizen Nutrition Center, Pottawatomie Pow-wow Club, and the American Legion.

Surviving are her husband, Miley Curtis, of the home; a daughter and son-in-law, Madge and Jim VanWagner, Prague; four sons and daughters-in-law, Bob and Debbie O'Connor, Shawnee; Pat and Cheryl O'Connor, Oklahoma City; Jerry and Phyllis O'Connor, Shawnee, and Donnie and Becky O'Connor, Tecumseh; 11 grandchildren, Craig and Debbie, Carrie, Shanna, Lisa, Jason and Terri, Melissa, Amber, and Magan O'Connor, Chris, Andrew and Michael VanWagner; three great-granddaughters, Katy, Erin and Kaily O'Connor; two sisters and brothers-in-law, Joy and Eddie Farley, Oklahoma City; Rose and Jim Paxson, Tecumseh; one brother and sister-in-law, Bud and Judy O'Bright, Tecumseh; three stepchildren, DeWayne Curtis, Joy Mulvaney and Linda Erkman; numerous nieces and nephews; and an aunt, Edith O'Bright, Shawnee.

Donations may be made to Shawnee Hospice.

ANDREW O'BRIGHT

Andrew "Bud" O'Bright, Tecumseh, Oklahoma, died Friday, Aug. 27, at a Shawnee hospital. He was 52.

Mass of the Christian Burial was held at St. Benedict Catholic Church under the direction of Roesch Funeral Chapel. Fr. Michael Roethler, O.S.B., was celebrant. Burial was at Calvary Cemetery.

A native of Shawnee, O'Bright was born Feb. 1, 1941. He attended and was graduated from St. Benedict Schools. A veteran, he served in the U.S. Air Force from 1960 to 1961, and retired from Tinker Air Force Base in April of 1993. He was a member of the Knights of Columbus, American Legion, St. Benedict Catholic Church where he served as altaristic minister and past parish council member. He was a member of the Citizen Band Potawatomi Tribe.

In 1966, he married Judy Daniels at Tecumseh, and she survives him of the home. Also surviving are three daughters, Michelle Dearing, Tecumseh; and Stacie and Kelli O'Bright, both of the home; grandson Mathew Dearing, Tecumseh; two sisters and brothers-in-law, Joy and Eddie Farley, Bethany, and Rose and Jim Paxson, Tecumseh; an aunt, Edith O'Bright, Shawnee, and a number of nieces and nephews.

VIRGINIA L. MITCHELL

At the request of Medora Foudray, mother of Virginia Lansdale Mitchell, we are publishing the following corrected obituary.

Virginia L. Mitchell, wife of J. T. Mitchell and mother of Lisa J. and J. Tranny, passed away on June 15, 1993, in Tulsa, OK where they had made their home for many years. She was born July 24, 1921 at Nowata, OK. Other than her immediate family, Virginia is survived by her mother, Medora A. Foudray, a great-granddaughter, daughter-in-law, several aunts, and many friends.

Services were held at the Moore Funeral Home July 18.

After presentation of the Flag to her husband and the sounding of Taps she was laid to rest in Memorial Haven Cemetery in Tulsa.

Virginia was a retired registered nurse and saw service in the Philippines during the Second World War.

She was a registered Potawatomi. Her great-great-grandfather was John Lafayette Ogee (Oge-Mah-Caw-So), her great-grandfather was John Vieux (Wisconsin John), her great-grandmother was Eliza Ogee, and her grandmother was Mary M. Vieux.

Virginia was proud of her Indian heritage.

Medora A. Foudray

JOHN ANTHONY MYERS

John Anthony Myers, Oak Ridge, Tenn., died of cancer Friday, July 16, 1993 at Briarcliff Health Care Center. He had been diagnosed with cancer two years ago and had been a resident of Briarcliff for the past three months.

Mr. Myers had been employed with Union Carbide Nuclear Division as a machinist at the Y-12 Plant from Feb. 9, 1947, until retiring July 28, 1967.

After his retirement, he worked as a locksmith for several years. An active member of Central Baptist Church, he served as a greeter and an usher for many years. He was also a volunteer with the church's Caring Center. In addition he was a member of Alpha Masonic Lodge, No 376, F&AM, in Clinton and the Citizen Band Potawatomi.

The son of the late Henry Anthony and Dellierose Ella Ott Myers, he was born July 11, 1905, in Lexington, Oklahoma territory (prior to Oklahoma becoming a state) His family said he was a star high school baseball and football player and had returned to Oklahoma several times in the past few years for high school reunions. He enjoyed fishing and writing stories.

His first wife, Loretta Myers, died earlier.

He and his second wife, Mary Tucker Myers, by whom he is survived, were married Jan. 15, 1966, in Oak Ridge.

In addition to his wife, Mr. Myers is survived by a daughter, Jackie Sikes of Clinton; a son, Richard Myers of Lexington KY, and four stepchildren, Jeanette Miller and John Shumpert, both of Oak Ridge, Jack Shumpert of Buford, GA and Betty Witt of Fairfield Glade.

He is also survived by a sister, Teresa Slavin Reed, Pampa, TX; a brother Robert Slavin, Vancouver, WA; two half sisters and five half brothers, Alice Killian and Bill Slavin, both of Oklahoma City, OK; Joe Slavin of Burdette, Kansas; Jessie Slavin of Lawton, OK; and George Slavin of Lexington OK; and by five grandchildren, three great-grandchildren, 11 step-grandchildren, 14 step-great-grandchildren and a step-great-great grandson.

The funeral was held on Sunday, July 18, in the chapel of Weatherford Mortuary with the Rev. Bill Crawford officiating. Burial was at Tennessee Valley Memory Gardens in Claxton community.

WALTER FELDMAN

Walter Feldman, age 78 of Weatherford, TX, died Saturday, August 21, 1993. He was born July 3, 1915 in Winfield, KS to Pearl Higbee Harper.

Walter was a resident of Parker County for 25 years.

He was a retired carpenter and member of the Lutheran Church. He was a member of the Citizen Band Potawatomi Tribe. Walter is survived by his wife Alma, three daughters Junita Haines and Bonnie Morgans, of Weatherford, TX.; Mary Swan, Scotdale, AZ, son Walter Jr., Fort Worth, TX.; four sisters, Malinda Feldman, Hattie, of Hamilton TX., Patricia Fraser Las Vegas, NV., Ina Mae Looney Beggs, OK; eight grandchildren. Services were held August 23, 1993. Walter is now with our mother. There will be no more separating. The Lord holds them both in his hands.

Ina M. Looney

OLETA GIST

Oleta Ione Honea Gist passed away July 27, 1993 in her granddaughter's home in Yakima, WA. She had just been moved there the day before. She had lived alone, almost blind from glaucoma, diabetes, heart disease and cancer since her husband's death in 1989. She lived in the country with no close neighbors. She leaves one daughter, Donna Tuesly of Yakima and 3 grandsons of Yakima and one granddaughter and several grandchildren.

She was the daughter of Mary Bell Navarre Honea and Cecil Honea. Our sister Vivian Smith died in 1982.

I am the youngest sister and last of our family.

Oleta made many beautiful quilts. She left each family member one to remember her. She knitted, crocheted and sewed many beautiful things.

Thanks for the wonderful How Ni Kan. I enjoy it very much and read every page and am very proud of my Indian blood. Our grandfather was Lewis Navarre.

Imogene Manson

'Seminole Signatures' on display through Nov. 7

A showcase collection of Seminole Indian artwork entitled "Seminole Signatures" will be on exhibit at the Seminole Nation Museum in Wewoka, Oklahoma beginning October 10-November 7.

The Seminole Nation of Oklahoma is the first tribe in the United States to create by law an artist certification process in compliance with the federal Indian Arts & Crafts Act of 1990. Jim Burgess, chairman of the Seminole Arts & Crafts Committee introduced the Seminole Artist Certification Act to the Seminole General Council and it was adopted by them in June of 1991.

Burgess, 1993 Five Civilized Tribes Museum "Best of Show" winner, is coordinating the Seminole Signatures exhibit. Nationally known Seminole artists Senator Kelly Haney, Gary Montgomery and Benjamin Harjo are supporting the event with personal exhibits.

Burgess feels the Seminole Signatures exhibit will allow Seminole artists to be presented together for the first time. "The Seminoles have a rich tradition of art history," he said. "This show will give not only the Seminole Nation an opportunity to know their artists but the public can also become acquainted with them as

well," he added. Burgess says he is especially encouraging young artists and non-professionals to exhibit their works.

An opening preview reception for Seminole Signatures is scheduled for October 10, 1-5 p.m. at the Seminole Nation Museum. The public is invited to attend. Co-sponsors for the event are Seminole Nation of Oklahoma, Seminole Nation Museum and the American Indian Arts Council of Oklahoma. For more information contact the Seminole Nation Museum at 405-257-5580 or Burgess at 405-325-8648 after 6 p.m.

The HowNiKan welcomes contributions from its readers, especially letters to the editor and news of achievements of tribal members. Please mail your submission to Mary Farrell at tribal headquarters. Deadline is the 10th of the month.

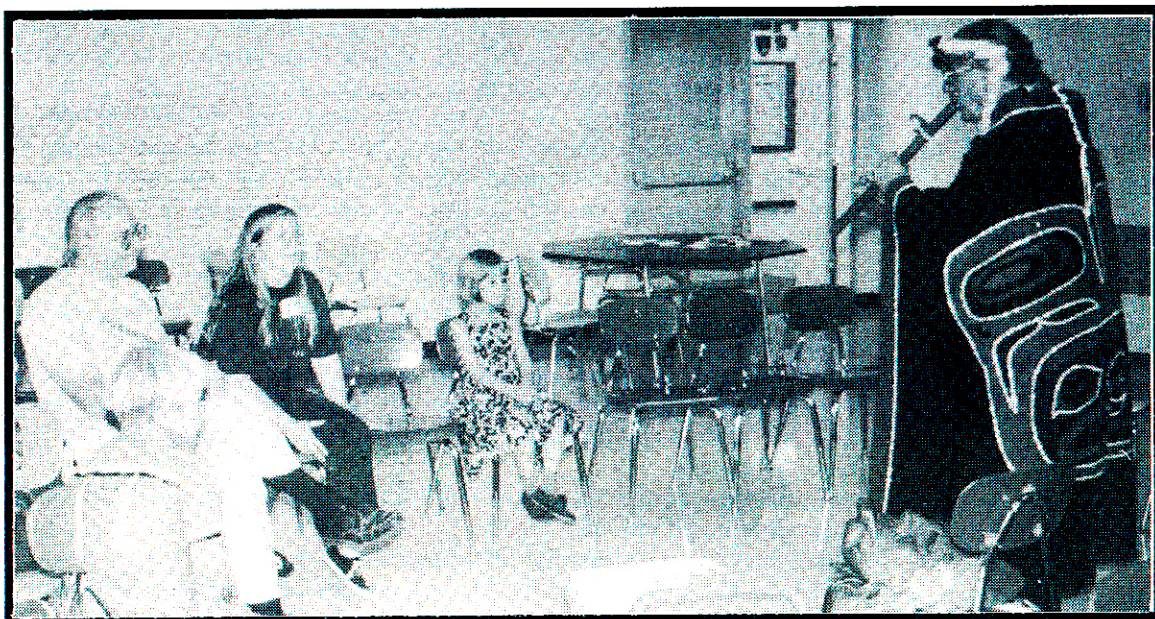
August 28, 1993

OREGON REGIONAL COUNCIL MEETING

Gervais, Oregon



Business Committee members and regional representatives led the Pow Wow's Grand Entry.



White Eagle (Bill Wilson) told stories for little and big kids.



Wiseest tribal member at the regional was Helen Adkinson, 83.



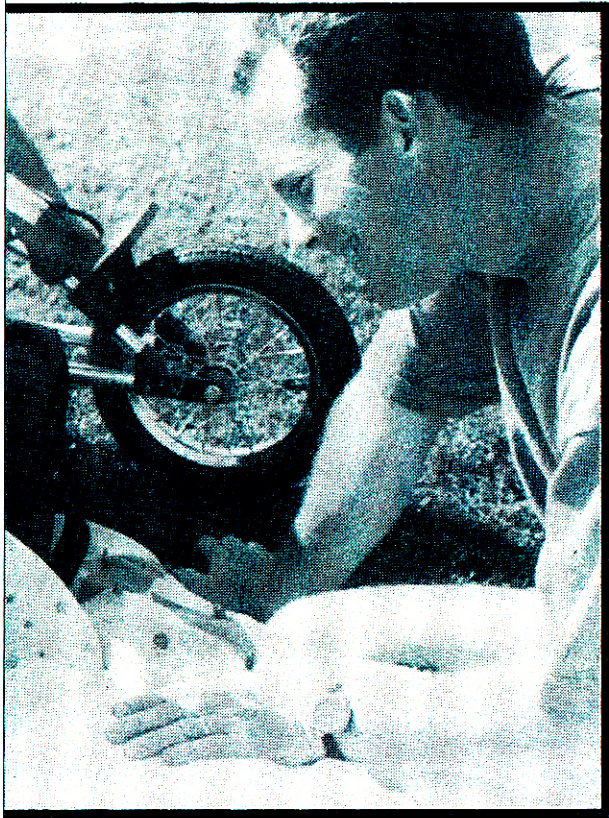
Enjoying the Pow Wow and their...



Regional representative Rocky Baptiste and Tri Barrett enjoy gourd dancing.



Traveling farthest was Karen Gold.



week old Nelson are Abby and Harely Wadman.



Shoppers kept Esther Lowden busy selling tribal souvenirs.



Business Committee Members greet dancers in a friendship dance.

Photos By
**Gloria
Trotter**



nan John



le, California and her family.



Youngest tribal member present was Brandon Gold, 9 months old, who won a satin cap.

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MIDWEST

Bourzho from Kansas City;

Exciting news and good things are happening in the Midwest region! First of all, I am organizing and planning a dinner-dance powwow here in Kansas City for our Potawatomi people. I encourage everyone who attended the regional council meeting in May as well as everyone else who did not get to attend the meeting, to come on out and enjoy and participate in this dinner-dance powwow. The scheduled date is November 6, 1993, to be held at the Fantasy land Country Ballroom, 6970 N. Broadway, Gladstone, Missouri. It is just off 169 highway at 68th Street. I do ask that everyone bring a covered dish of your choice. It will start at 5:00 that day. I WILL NOT BE SENDING OUT INVITATIONS FOR THIS SO IT YOU WANT TO GO- CALL ME FOR MORE INFORMATION. Look for the ad in this issue of the HowNiKan. This effort is being put forth in cooperation with the Inter-Tribal Indian Society of Greater Kansas City. This is a brand new organization that has been formed and is dedicated to promote the culture, traditions, ways and beliefs of Native Americans, as well as to provide as a social outlet for our fellow Native Americans of all tribes. We will have membership applications available at the dinner-dance, or call me at the office and I'll send you one.

The Inter-Tribal Indian Society of Greater Kansas City will be participating in the American Royal parade, and have a float this year. The parade starts at 10:00 November 6, 1993, in downtown Kansas City. I would like to invite all Potawatomi who have outfits to join us in the parade. If you plan to come for the dinner-dance powwow in the afternoon, why not come early that morning and join us. Let me know if you are interested. Various other tribes will be represented also, and our own Potawatomi flag will be proudly displayed along with others on the float.

We are also involved in helping our local Girl Scouts with workshops during the months of October and November. We will be performing dance exhibitions for them.

I am also putting forth efforts to start a Potawatomi food pantry in our area for Indian people needing assistance with food, especially with the holidays coming up, things can get a little tight for some families. We also need to remember our elders who are sometimes too proud to ask for help. So if anyone knows of Indian families or elders in need of food, please contact me.

The Potawatomi marker along the Trail of Death was dedicated on September 25, 1993. It is located in Independence, Missouri next to the Roger T. Sermon Community Center at 23rd and Noland Road. It is right by the log cabin that sits on the corner. I would like to thank the City of Independence, Jack Phillips, Jim Hogan, John Moreno and Matt Moreno for all of their hard work and efforts on this project. This was Matt Moreno's Eagle Boy Scout project. Thanks to all who participated in the caravan and to the Inter-Tribal Society for their support. And thank you Shirley Wilard for everything that you have done for the Potawatomi!

Maryann Frank

PASADENA

Bourzho from Pasadena!

In August, I was asked to appear at a community function at Vasquez Rocks out in Aqua Dulce, and tell a story before a community group. They were going to hold an event to bring attention to the fact that the once pristine desert foothills were being crowded by the ever-expanding suburban sprawl, and the stars were being blotted out by the lights that inevitable follow development. Think about it...Getting together as a community to "save the stars." It appealed to me so I agreed.

It was a delightful, balmy desert night among many wonderful, involved people, I shared the old Anishinabe story about how we came to have the Big Dipper-How Fisher Went to Skyland." Standing there, watching the people as I spoke, I could see that they were transfixed by the traditional wisdom passed along to us by our elders. Of course, none were more involved than the children.

I was reminded of how important it is to take the time to share the old stories with our young ones. There are excellent collections of stories available. Find them. Read them. Learn them. Listen to them. Listen to the storytellers in your community for tips on style. You can enrich the hearts and imagination of the children around you, and in this small, but profoundly important way, keep the circle spinning.

I have more information to pass along to you this month, and specific information available if you call this office and (818) 796-2008 or (800) 432-2008.

I have current Southern California listings for the following needs:

- Temporary housing (max 90 days)
- Individual, family and group mental health counseling
- Rehab services to the physically or mentally handicapped
- Free reading tutors (Los Angeles and Orange Counties)

Announcements

Important! The KOKOPELLI FESTIVAL of Music and Art, put on by the Intertribal Veterans of L.A. County has been rescheduled for October 1-3 at Rancho Cordillera del Norte, located at 9015 Wilbur Avenue in Northridge. Hope this announcement gets to you in time!

Scheduled for the weekend of October 8-10 is the Hutash Harvest Festival and Powwow at the San Marcos Campground in Santa Barbara. All gourd dancers are invited!

And if you didn't have enough to do on that weekend, (or just want to stay in town) there's the Indigenous Peoples Day sponsored by the Gabrielino/Tongva Springs Foundations. It's to be held at University High School on 1441 Barrington Avenue in Los Angeles. More info available at (310) 397-0180.

The Native American Student Alliance of San Diego's Mesa College is putting on their Second Annual Pow Wow on October 15-17. I want to remind you San Diego Pots get out there and show our Native American students your support!

Chagl'eska Oyate (Iron Circle Nation) is sponsoring the Many Winter Gathering of Elders on October 14-17 at the Angels Gate Cultural Center in San Pedro. The purpose of the gathering is to provide spiritual guidance for the Elders through our oral traditions. Elders from throughout Turtle Island have been invited to share ceremonies, prayers and teachings. If you plan on attending this one take note, no cameras or any other type of recording devices will be allowed! These are our Elders-respect is the top priority.

The Southern California Indian Center offers a number of education services including tutorial, cultural and traditional arts, enrichment trips, advocacy, resource library, career and higher education guidance and resources, and parent leadership development workshops. All services are provided free to Native American students and their families.

And speaking of free.. Martial arts instruction is available to Native American people 18 years or older at no charge! The classes are held at Cal State LA and run from 6-8p.m. every Thursday night.

I've located a very talented basketry teacher named Helen Schramm. She offers a wide range of techniques and used an even greater variety of materials. I have a listing of the classes Ms. Schramm offers with a brief explanation of the type of weaving and materials. If you've got the desire to create beautiful things, this is an excellent place to start.

Some of the events listed about may have already taken place by the time you get the How Ni Kan. For that I offer my apologies. Others are scheduled to be held many weeks in the future. It is my hope that by providing you with enough advance notice, you can schedule the events into your busy lives.

Call your Southern California Regional Office for specifics on all of the above. Also, please let me know if you attend any of the events or if you use any of the services mentioned here. I want to know your opinions and will pass them along in this column.

And remember, when attending any Native American event, wear your Potawatomi ball cap, tee-shirt, jacket or button, and get out there into the circle and dance. Let's let everyone know how proud we are to be Potawatomi!

Megwetch,
Jeremy Bertrand Finch

PHOENIX

Hello from Phoenix

We are finally cooling off here in the evenings. We are starting our monsoon season so it is very humid. Well our picnic was changed and everything is in order for Sept. the 25th. I am in the process of mailing out invitations so if you don't get one call me. If you have any games bring them.

I am getting things ready for our regional meeting. If you have any suggestions or if you think more should be discussed please call me, I don't know if you don't tell me.

I have had lots of calls for volunteers, well get ready because you are really going to get busy. I want to thank you for offering your services to the tribe.

Just a reminder that September the 25 and 26 they are having the 3rd Annual Pow Wow in Tucson. Need information on it call me.

I want to wish you all well.

Gail Halterman
Phoenix Arizona

REGIONAL OFFICE REPORTS

DALLAS

The weather is cooler, in the mid-90s rather than 100 plus. So you must be helping with thoughts of Fall and our meeting Saturday, October 9, 11:00 a.m. to 2:p.m. I hope you have it on your calendar and are planning to be there. I have been telling everyone who calls about the date and they seem interested. Remember, we're going to make dream catchers and I will tell you when you call to respond if you need to bring anything. Also, for those of you who did not make the Regional Meeting, I'll give you directions.

I have had quite a few calls regarding scholarships, job opportunities in this area, medical care and our history. My heritage and the culture of the Potawatomi are my main interests and I especially like to share what information I have.

There are books available at the Museum and Gift Shop that you can call and order from Esther, I also have a list that I would be glad to send you of books on the Potawatomi. My daughter and I went to a used book store over the Labor Day Weekend and found a copy of The Potawatomi-Keepers of the Fire and Indian Traders on the Middle Border which has quite a few mentions of the Potawatomi. Looks rather like a text book, but I'll give it a try and add to knowledge. If cost is a factor, and it is for many of us, give your used book store a try. Check out the books in the section on Native American Indians, look in the index and see if they mention Potawatomi. Skip the one that says the Potawatomi decided to relocate from the Great Lakes region. Look at the titles available at our Museum and Gift Shop and keep them in mind for your trip to the used book store. You may be as lucky as we were. The 31st National Championship Pow Wow will be in Grand Prairie September 10-12. By the time you read this, it will be too late for you to attend. But if that sounds interesting and you would like to know what is going on with the Indian community in this area, you can call the Beyond Bows & Arrows radio program number, that's 987-3105. Also, the State Fair is coming up. Last year Red Nation Dancers were there. A listing of all the events should be coming out in the local papers soon.

The Dallas Museum of Art will have the American Indian Frontier Exhibit opening November 7 through February 6, 1994. This exhibit consists of 152 masterpieces on the Woodland, Prairie and Plains Indians. There is a nominal charge and I have that information if you're interested. I'll see you at the meeting October 9th

Marjorie Hobdy, 800-742-3075 or 214-790-3075

DENVER

Right now I am busy making the final preparations for our own Regional Council Meeting which will be over by the time that you read this. I hope that you attended and that it was everything that you expected and hoped for, more on this next month.

I have just returned from a most enjoyable and needed vacation with friends in the Northwest. One of the highlights of my trip had to be the journey I made to the Oregon meeting and Pow Wow. It was such a pleasure to see and be a part of this outstanding and truly different format. So much work and planning must have gone to it and I can only express my gratitude to Rocky and Maxine Baptiste for their hard work and efforts in making this such a success. Because it was quite a drive for my friends and I we unfortunately arrived late for the meeting although we did catch the last part of it, but that did not detract from the fun of meeting and greeting the many friends I have made, and of seeing the Business Committee again and being made to feel so welcome.

The Pow Wow itself was a real success. The drum groups were excellent and I always enjoy seeing the dancers in their colorful dress and putting forth their best efforts in the competition. Again, Rocky, I don't know how you do it. The time and coordination that goes into making it a real enjoyable day. And of course as usual the weather even cooperated and made it a truly memorable day and well worth the trip I made.

Now that I am back from my all too short vacation, I would like to announce that effective immediately I will be in the office full time.

This means that you can call almost any time and will get me instead of an answering machine, so hopefully I will be better able to assist you with your needs and questions. Don't ever hesitate to call. I enjoy visiting with you.

On a negative note however, I am truly disappointed with the number of invitation to the Regional Council Meeting that are being returned to me mostly because you have moved and either did not leave a forwarding address or the forwarding has expired. This means that you are not receiving your HowNiKans or any other correspondence from the tribe so to those of you that did not receive an invitation to the meeting that is the reason as one was sent to everyone on the mailing list. All it take is one phone call to me and I will see that my records and those of the Shawnee office are corrected. Sorry we missed you at the meeting and hopefully you will send me your correct address and we can get in touch with you next year.

Norma Whitley

PORTLAND

Bozho my friends:

How very excited I was to see you all at council meeting. Of course, I am always hoping for more each year. Next year I encourage you to find other members in your town or close to you and tell them how very important these meetings are to our tribe. Did you enjoy yourself?? It was fun wasn't it??? I need to hear from you.

Well, I was one tired puppy. It was nearly 2:30 in the morning before the last vendor pulled out of the gates at the school and all the area was policed and cleaned up, but the feeling of a good Pow Wow made everything worth it. I'm not sure just how many of you got to stay for the dancing and drumming as I seemed to always have someone wanting something done. If I missed you, I am sorry and will try to get back with you soon. I need to say a very special thank you to Rosalie & Lew Aldama who came all the way from Sutter, CA the day before to help, and also to my kids and grandkids. Thanks a million, Without you I could not have pulled it off.

It was wonderful to see our council members there and the talk that Rocky Barrett gave, was so inspirational and informative.. I got many comments on the history of our tribe. Many of you saying, "I didn't know that." Thanks Rocky for sharing our history.

As many of you know, I have recovered from Bi-Pass surgery very well, and now have gone back to work. I thought I would retire but have been offered a job as manager of the Olalla Golf Course at Toledo, Oregon... It means I have to move my residence for a couple years, so guess what Maxine and I have been doing since last month. That's right. Packing and un-packing. Loading and unloading. Our son is moving into our home, so we still have the same ties at Gervals as before. The owner of the Golf Course wanted to go to Chili for two years, and was kind enough to think of me to manage the Golf Course. It has been a few years since I was in the Golf Course business, so it has been fun and interesting to get back into it again. We are just eight miles from the beach and ocean., that makes Maxine happy, and we would love to have any of our a Potawatomi friends and members who want to stop by, to look us up and play a game of golf with me or have a cup of coffee and visit.

There are a lot of Pow-Wow's going on this month around the state. You may want to take in one or two...

Sept. 24, 25, 26thAgness Illahe Pow Wow ... Agness, Oregon. Info on camping and vendors call Bev Fry 269-5205 or Frank Merrill at 747-4501.

Sept. 25 26th ...Native American Arts & Cultures...at Alton Baker Park, Eugene, Oregon... 11:00 am to 5:00pm each day.

October 9th...United Inter-tribal Dancing Club of Salem.. Polk County Fair Grounds. Rickreal, or 12 mi. west of Salem.. Grand Entry at 6:00 pm.....call Cookie at 623-8971.

We had a couple dishes left from dessert potluck. Let me know who to get these back to, and a couple lost and found items. Looks like someones house key and a pair of high heels was found in the stands, along with a baby's moccasin. Be talkin to you again next month, that is God willin and creek don't rise...

Rocky

...Women will remain the weaker sex, only as long as they are smarter...

HOUSTON

Bourzho from Houston,

I am happy to report that Mike Brandts' surgery was successful and he is recovering at the time of this report. He will undergo a series of radiation treatments, so keep him in your prayers. Mike is husband to tribal member Shirley Brandt, the reside at 510 Riverview in Noble Ok, 73068. I'm sure your notes will be a source of encouragement to them. Mike is brother-in-law to tribal member Karen Aguilar here in Tomball.

Also glad to tell you that my father, John Whipple, had successful surgery in San Angelo September 1, and he is doing well.

Tribal member Martha Weld was injured in an auto accident on August 31. She was discharged from Herman Hospital September 3.

It is always good to learn that these life occurrences have happy endings, and we wish the best for each of you.

The Grandchildren all seem pleased to be back in school, and are telling us that the teachers are the best they have ever had.

When I got up this morning, the temperature outside was 67. That must be the lowest in four months here. It will be "walking in the woods" time soon. I always enjoy that.

The foxes were here together last night. First time I've seen more than one at a time. They are beautiful animals. Call me and lets plan a picnic out at the park soon.

Megwetch, Lu Ellis

MERCED

Burzho from Merced

Summer! What was that? I cannot believe it is almost over, with school back in session and changes in the weather.

This past month, there were many requests for enrollment forms for those wishing to enroll new members. We also have a large number of requests for information regarding medical facilities in California, vocational education, and Educational Financial Aid. Many thanks to Ed at the Shawnee headquarters for assisting in answering these requests.

Well, we have received our dates for the Regional Meetings, with the Northern California Meeting scheduled for March 5, 1994. Anyone interested in assisting in preparing for this gathering, please give me a call at 1-800-874-8585. I'm in the process of locking down our meal costs, location cost, and mailing/preparation costs. We also hope to have a drum group again as well as dancers.

I hope to have more information on vocational education that is within the Northern California area in the near future. I will be going to Sacramento in two weeks to meet with the Central California Indian Council on Education to gather this information.

Remember, Ben Franklin once stated; "When we are no longer governed by God, we will be ruled by tyrants" He also said, "Tis for the spirit that these natives live. Our heritage is rich with spirituality. Pass this on to your young ones. (It doesn't hurt some of us 'older ones' either.)

Megwetch, Gary Bibb

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SEATTLE, WASHINGTON

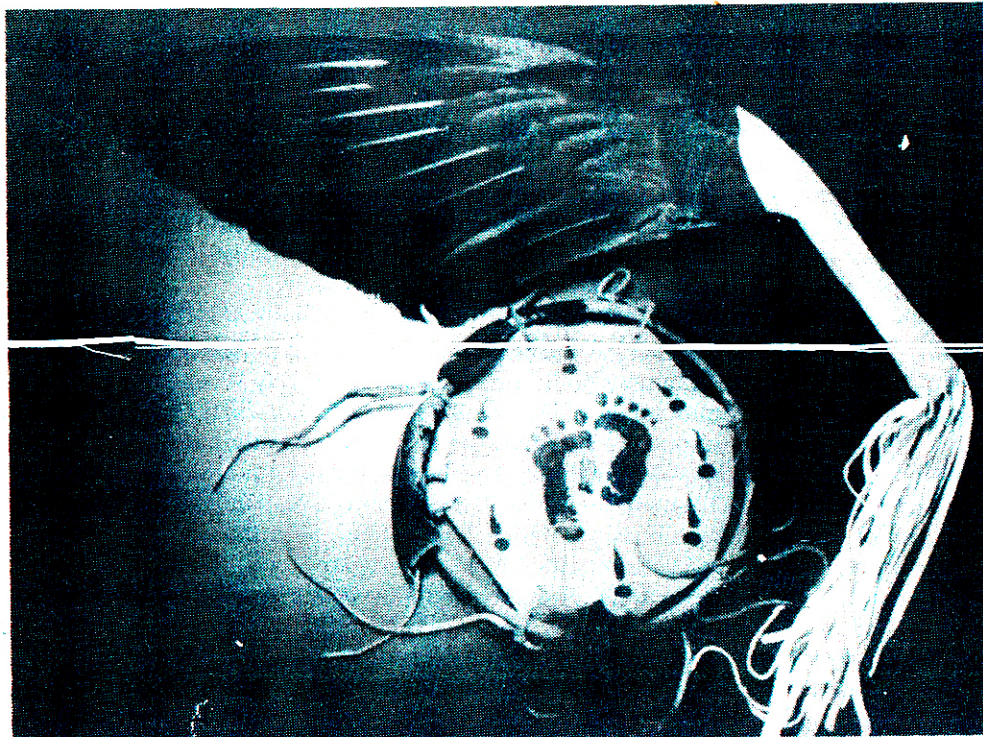
August 1993 finally brought Seattle's summer with it. It arrived on Sunday and lasted 3 gorgeous days! However I can't complain; the rains held off for just the days I wanted them to.

On August 8 I was honored with an invitation to the Grant Echohawk Day gathering. Grant left for Haskell the next day. His mother Hilaire is the granddaughter of Wilbert Soocoy's sister Mamie Echohawk; Wilbert has been active in attending our meetings in Seattle and is a delight to talk to! The afternoon gave me the opportunity to meet other Native Americans in the area, to listen to some good drumming and singing, and to visit with Gray Eagle, our Ojibwe storyteller at the July 25 picnic.

For an umber of years now I have been trying to locate a Praire Band Potawatomi who lives on the Olympic peninsula; I'd hear just enough to be excited to meet him but not enough to find him! During Grant's party I discovered some more clues and with the help of Philonise met me at the Southworth ferry and together we visited Bill Moore. I can't say what that meeting meant to me. As we prepared to leave Mr. Moore presented me with the Blue Goose Smudge Fan which he had handcrafted. It is truly an item of beauty and I feel honored to have received it.

The Smudge Fan and the shield made by Char Sundust and presented by Gray Eagle at the July 25 picnic accompanied me to Spokane on August 13 where, on the 14th Eric and I attend the Inland Empire picnic hosted by Donna Hallgreen and and Kevin and Lisa Jones. There were between 35 and 40 people there. Shayshoshewa and Chi-E-Shenam Westin brought a display of items they have crafted including deerskin clothing, medicine rocks painted by their son Thomas and a beautiful wood flute which Chi-E-Shenam had made and demonstrated for us. they and several others drove up from Boise to visit with us while others were from the Spokane area; one family from Oregon joined us as well! One young man on his way to play tennis noticed our sign and stopped by to tell us that he is Potawatomi, though he knows nothing much about his family. He had no idea we would be at the park that day! He now plans to talk to his family and learn more about his Potawatomi heritage. Donna Hallgreen exhibited some of the quill-and-bead earrings she and her granddaughter Rachel Wrixon make. At the end of the day I was honored to receive two pairs of them; you will see them at regionals and at Pow Wow! Kevin and Lisa supervised our games and awarded the prizes. It was a great day! Thank you for your work.

This has been such a full and exciting month for me. When I was first asked to serve the tribe as the Washington State representative, I had no idea how many special people



Blue Moose Smudge Fan made by Bill Moore and Shield made by Char Sundust. would enter my life as a result. I look through the regional photo album and smile.

Before I close I do want to congratulate Lucinda Shannon of Coeur d'Alene Idaho. She received her MSW this past June from Eastern Washington University. Although she was at our Spokane picnic I neglected to congratulate her there; I wanted everyone to know about her achievement!

My next article will be written on the Trail of Death, probably somewhere in Missouri. I wish all of you could be there.

Susan Campbell



This picture was taken at the Citizen Band Potawatomi Picnic in Mission Park, Spokane, Washington on August 14, 1993.



This picture was taken at the Citizen Band Potawatomi Picni in Manchester State Park on July 25, 1993. Pictured left to right: Doug Campbell, George Dansenburg, Betty Dansenburg, Debbie Campbell, Philonise Williams, Susan Campbell, Gray Eagle (behind Susan), Chuck Palmer (holding son), Rosalie Palmer, Ken Anderson, Debbie Anderson, Jim and Nancy Soelter, Eric Campbell. Foreground: Phil and Philonise Kulani & Family.

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REGIONAL COUNCIL MEETING 1994 SCHEDULE

Oregon	August 28, 1993
Colorado	September 26, 1993
Arizona	January 22, 1994
S. California	February 19, 1994
N. California	March 5, 1994
Washington	March 19, 1994
Texas (Houston)	April 16, 1994
Texas (Dallas)	April 23, 1994
Kansas City	May 14, 1994

State & National News

Living history villiage planned for Oklahoma park

The Oklahoma Tourism and Recreation Department has leased John Miskelly State Park to the city of Choctaw's Industrial Development Authority to "provide unique recreational and interpretive opportunities," according to the terms of the lease.

The park was slated for possible closing due to cuts in state funding.

The Industrial Development Authority, under a separate agreement with American Indian Villages, Inc., a private American Indian-owned corporation, will keep a portion of the park open to the public.

The rest will be developed as living history villages of American Indians. Plans call for replicas of authentic Native American dwellings from the past, including teepees, birch bark lodges, earth lodges, grass lodges and adobe dwellings. The villages will be staffed by Native Americans dressed in period clothing, making arrowheads and bows and arrows, cooking, tanning hides and demonstrating other period activities.

The public will be charged a fee to see the villages, but other areas of the park, and an art market, will remain free to visitors.

"This will be an exceptional opportunity for visitors to see how Native American people lived a long time ago, and it will give children exposure to the Native American culture," said Jeri Red Corn, president of American Indian Villages.

Objections overruled

(From Kanza News, Aug. 26, 1993) — On June 24, 1993, the Honorable Jack McCarty, Judge of the Kaw Nation Court of Indian Offenses, sitting in Kaw City, overruled the objections of former Tribal Chairman M.M. Chouteau and granted a summary judgement for \$32,116.46 against him in behalf of the Kaw Tribe.

This judgment is the culmination of litigation which was first brought by the tribe against Chouteau in 1989. The suit was initially filed in the U.S. District Court for the Western District of Oklahoma and then removed by Chouteau to the C.F.R. court in Ponca City before ultimately being transferred to the Kaw nation court of Indian Offenses.

The Court's ruling is based on the tribe's contention that Chouteau, who had been the administrator of the Kaw Home Improvement Program, had mismanaged the 1983 program funds.

These facts surfaced as the Tribe was given results of an audit and review from the B.I.A. area office and an independent investigation from the General Accounting Office in Albuquerque, New Mexico. Information was also obtained under the Freedom of Information Act from the Federal Bureau of Investigation. The Tribe was forced to actually repay the money to the Federal Government in April of this year.

Upon receiving the findings of the audit, the former Tribal Business Committee directed then-Chairman William Mehojah to initiate litigation to collect the mis-used funds from Chouteau. Chairperson Wanda Stone inherited the task of concluding the matter.

Chouteau, through his attorney John Shostbear, has announced his intention to appeal the decision.

American Indian Villages plans to open the living history villages next spring.

Don Strube, president of the Choctaw Chamber of Commerce, believes the living history exhibit will benefit Choctaw.

"Living history is a successful tourism concept in other parts of the United States. People travel to Oklahoma hoping to see something of Indians and their culture.

Now they will be able to learn about Native Americans right here in Choctaw.

"Development of the villages will be a boon to our economy and should help every retail business in Choctaw."

Tom Myers, tourism economic developer for the Oklahoma Tourism and Recreation department, views the plans as a win-win situation. "Miskelly has been a

negative cash flow operation for the state. American Indian Villages will turn a negative cash flow park into a positive attraction that will draw people from many parts of the country."

"Living history is an excellent method for showing Native American culture to the world. I am pleased that state government is involved in a project that will add to a growing list of Native American attractions," said Senator Kelly Haney, D-Dist. 50.

Permanent state employs at John Miskelly State Park will be reassigned to existing park facilities in nearby areas.

For more information on the proposed living history villages, contact American Indian Villages, Inc. at 405-447-5996.

Haney, Factor winners in runoff election

(From Cokv Tvlvme, August 1993) — The Seminole Nation Election Board has declared Jerry Haney and James Factor the official winners of the runoff election. The announcement came four days after the August 7th election for Principal Chief and Assistant Chief.

According to the Election Board a total of 1,210 voters took part in the August 7th elections. Of the total votes cast, 14 ballots were declared spoiled in the Principal Chief's race and 10 in Assistant Chief's race. A total of twenty-one challenged votes were reported.

Three days later the election board reviewed the challenged votes and awarded seven votes to each candidate. The official results are Jerry Haney 697, Edwin Tanyan 496, James Factor 707 and Dwayne Miller 481.

The numbers of the official count varied little from the total announced the night of the election. When the polls closed August 7th the ballots were taken to the Bureau of Indian Affairs in Wewoka to be tallied. First to be counted was the Strother precinct. The numbers ran close with only nine votes separating Haney and Tanyan. As the night progressed, Haney widened the gap by receiving 510 votes with the other two precincts, Sasakwa and Mekusukey, reporting. Tanyan received 441 votes.

Haney's 69 vote lead enhanced the

confidence of the members of the Haney and Factor watch party. When the final absentee ballots were tallied, Haney received 690 total votes while Tanyan received 489 which signaled the anticipated victory.

In the Assistant Chief's race, James Factor held a comfortable table lead from the beginning. He received 533 votes to Miller's 414, with three precincts reporting. After counting the absentee ballots Factor shut out Miller with a final count of 700 total votes to Miller's 474.

The tribe's election codes allows a candidate five days to appeal an election, if they choose to do so. According to an Election board spokesman, a written protest has not been received.

Haney will go down in history as being the first Seminole Chief to serve two consecutive terms as Principal Chief. In his victory speech, Chief Haney said he would concentrate on "improving the tribe's economic development". Haney is already credited with opening a convenience store and smoke shop, Health Center and the future construction of new Head Start Class rooms to be built in Wewoka.

James Factor, a resident of Cromwell, will serve his first term as Assistant Chief. He is Chairman of the Tallahassee Band and the director of tribe's CHR (Community Health Representative) program.

American Indian ordained Deacon

Tribal member, Frederick M. Taylor, ordained Deacon by Presiding Bishop A. Donald Davies on June 13, has finally reached the first plateau of long quest in response to the Lord's marching orders. A Civil Engineer by profession, he is an American Indian by birth. Now retired from secular employment and living in Central Florida, he felt God's call to service as a Priest and missionary to American Indians.

Acting upon this calling, Taylor contacted ECUSA Bishop Moody of Oklahoma about non-stipendiary priesthood amongst the large Indian population in Oklahoma. The Bishop offered to make Taylor a Lay Eucharistic Minister and to assign him to a relatively remote location. When Taylor asked how he would be supplied with the Blessed Sacrament, Moody told him the Sacrament would be sent to him by Federal Express. Few American Indians were considered

capable of Priestly ministry. Later, Fred Taylor went to Bishop John Howe of Central Florida about the ordination process. After Bishop Howe contacted Bishop Moody, Fred was told that at 63 he was too old to be considered for Holy Orders. ECUSA itself has labeled such actions as ageism. By now disenchanted, Taylor made contact with Bishop Davies. He was accepted as a Postulant in the Episcopal Missionary Church and met canonical requirements for ordination. The Rev'd Mr. Taylor studied under the Christian Foundations Program of Trinity Episcopal School for Ministry. In September, Taylors will move to Oklahoma City and be on the staff of the Church of the Redeemer. One of Taylors principal ministries will be among the large American Indian population in the area. It will not be long before Fred will become a Priest in the One Holy, Catholic and Apostolic Church.

Donald Trump slurs Native Americans

(From Bishinik, August 1993) — The National Indian Gaming Association and the Association on American Indian Affairs filed a formal complaint with the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) against radio station WFAN-AM for obscene racial slurs against Native Americans and African Americans made by Donald Trump and WFAN host, Donald Imus.

The comments were made on June 18, during an interview with Trump on the New York radio talk show "Imus in the Morning."

The interview focused on Trump's campaign against Indian gaming. During the interview, Imus referred to native Americans as "drunken injuns" and suggested that persons of mixed Native American and African American ancestry who looked like Michael Jordan should not be recognized as members of Indian tribes.

Trump referred to Indian tribes as "all chiefs and no Indians" and suggested that he "would perhaps become Indian myself." The two also ridiculed the legitimacy of tribal government and tribal ceremonies.

Sen. Daniel Inouye, D-Hawaii, chair of the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs, read portions of the transcript of the interview into the Congressional Record and said the interview contained misinformation about tribal gaming.

Students accepted for Teacher Training Program

Oklahoma City University has accepted twelve students into the fourth class of the American Indian Teacher Training Program (AITTP) for 1993-94.

Funded through the Indian Education Act, the training program is offered by American Indian Research and Development Inc. at OCU.

The first-of-its-kind program includes 18 hours of classwork concentration in gifted education, three hours of research methodology and nine hours specialization in Indian education. Students will begin classes August 25.

This year's participants, their tribes and home states are: Terri Walker (Inupiat-Alaskan Native) from Alaska; Rachel Maho (Hopi) from Arizona; Nyleta Belgarde (Turtle Mountain Chippewa) and Edith Horn (Blackfeet Indian) from Montana; Delphina John (Navajo) from New Mexico; Suzanne Terrell (Eastern Cherokee) from North Carolina; Jon Belindo (Kiowa/Pawnee/Navajo/Choctaw), Damon R. Hall (Cherokee) and George Tiger (Creek) from Oklahoma; Jason Younker (Coquille) from South Dakota; and Dona Gilane (Lake Superior Chippewa) and Jacqueline Hoffman (Menominee) from Wisconsin.

Addresses Needed

The Winnebago Tribe of Nebraska is updating addresses for a planned pre-capita distribution. Enrollment for this distribution will close on November 1, 1993 at 4:30 p.m. Applications or further information can be obtained from the Tribal enrollment office at (402) 878-2272, Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

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(Hello my friends)

When it quits raining, the progress on the new bank building will be much more apparent. The vault is poured, footings are in, and work continues, mud and all.

We had a very good Regional Council Meeting this past weekend at Denver. The Chief Hosa Lodge, up in the mountains over Denver, was the site again, the weather was beautiful, as was the scenery. At least 150 attended, with good participation by all. Norma Whitley does a great job, assisted by Penny Marshall this time.

We are still waiting to see what impact the new health program from the Clinton Administration will have on the Indian Health Service. Who knows, maybe our dream of health insurance for the entire tribe is closer than we think. We will keep you posted.

In these last eight years the Business Committee and the HowNiKan have said a great deal about the subject of "Sovereignty" and the Potawatomi Tribe. This last weekend in Denver for the Regional Council, a young man approached me and asked why we (as Citizen Potawatomi) should obey any of the laws of the United States, "since we were separate from it". Nothing could be farther from the case. Sovereign does not mean separate. It means the U.S. Constitution and the laws of the U.S. Congress have given us a special status equal in most cases to the sovereign states. We are most definitely a part of the United States! In fact we have a very unique right to claim that privilege as the first Native Americans, as a tribe, citizenship



FROM THE CHAIRMAN

By John A. Barrett Jr.

in the United States. That is why we are known as the "Citizen Band."

In an even greater sense, our pride in being a constitutionally mandated part of this great country has been shown by those Potawatomi who fought and died for it in war or served to protect it in peace. These are the men and women of whom we are most proud. The Indian way of honoring our warriors is still evident in our traditional celebrations: all powwows are begun by the parading of the flag of the United States of America. Every powwow honors the flag and all veterans in special songs and dances. The gourd clans display their military insignia as a part of their dance regalia.

Potawatomi are Americans and proud of it. When called to defend this country, our people do so with a special valor that comes of a heritage of defending the honor of our people for hundreds of years. If any of you get the chance to honor a Potawatomi veteran, do so with the greatest respect. Many of our people lost their lives or suffered greatly in the wars of the United States.

In the next issue of the HowNiKan, there will be a letter from a young lady who is doing research on the Citizen Band

Potawatomi who served in the armed services. Please help her all you can.

In honor of all the Citizen Band Potawatomi who served in the armed forces of our country, three years ago we created a special part of the museum archives for the "Military History of the Citizen Band Potawatomi." Please send in all your family history of those who served in the military — where, in what branch, decorations or citations, and whether living or deceased. Special honors will be given in a memorial statue for those who lost their lives in service of the United States. Please send your information to: Potawatomi Tribal Museum, Attn: Esther Lowden, Curator, 1901 Gordon Cooper Drive, Shawnee, Oklahoma 74801.

We will publish a document as soon as we have sufficient information, so please send in your military history as soon as possible.

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John Barrett

Who is this lady?

This photograph of a beautiful young girl is one of many in the tribal archives which are not identified. If you think you know who she is, please call Mary Farrell in tribal rolls and let her know. So far, tribal members have come through every time on our mystery photos.

